

María Tudor's Memories

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Mary's life

Maria Tudor is one of the



MARY I OF EN-
GLAND

most controversial figures
in the Modern period in
England.

As he is the daughter of
Henry VIII, Elizabeth I
and sister wife for just

over four years of **Philip II**, and becomes an interesting character and leads us to dig a little in the historical period in which she lived. But also, during his reign **tried to restore Catholicism in his country** and was faced with several plots against her, using unorthodox methods in both cases that earned her the nickname "**Bloody Mary**." That reputation was widespread mainly during the reign of her sister **Elizabeth**.

1.1 Childhood

Mary received a **liberal education** worthy of a princess. Catalina, instead of direct teaching her daughter, **she was responsible for the supervi-**

sion and appointment of teachers that should assist her.

1.2 Marriages plans

Henry negotiated potential future marriages for her. When she was only **two years old**, she was promised to the **Dauphin, the infant son of King I of France**. In **1522**, at the age of six, she was instead contracted to marry her 22-year-old first cousin, **Holy Roman Emperor Charles V**. However, **the engagement was broken off** within a few years by Charles. Henry also negotiated Mary's marriage with **the Duke of Orleans** but finally **she married with Philip II**

♦ *INTERESTING FACTS:*

- ♦ She was born 18 February 1516.
- ♦ She married Philip II
- ♦ She died without descendants.
- ♦ She died 17 November 1558.
- ♦ "Bloody Mary"

Mary's Death

After Philip's visit in 1557, Mary thought herself pregnant again with a baby due in March 1558. She decreed in her will that her husband be the regent during the minority of her child. However, no child was born, and **Mary was forced to accept that Elizabeth was her lawful successor**.

Mary was weak and ill from May 1558, and **died aged 42 at St. James's Palace**.

She was in pain, possibly from **ovarian cysts or**

uterine cancer. She was **succeeded by her half-sister**. Philip, who was in Brussels, wrote to his sister Joan: "I felt a reasonable regret for her death."

Although her will stated that **she wished to be buried next to her mother**, Mary was interred in **Westminster Abbey** on **14 December** in a tomb she would eventually **share with Elizabeth**.

